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BRANCKLE/HIATT LETTER

1. UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA CHANCELLOR CUTLER INFORMED US
THAT UNIVERSITY STILL VERY INTERESTED IN DIRECT EXCHANGE
WITH SOVIET UNIVERSITY BUT HAS NOT YET PREPARED PROPOSAL.
UNIVERSITY NOW PREPARING PROPOSAL ON ALASKA-IRKUTSK EX-
CHANGE AS SUGGESTED REF C AND HOPES TO SEND IT TO SOVIETS
THIS WEEK. PRESIDENT OR CHANCELLOR WILL CABLE BAZHANOV
AUTHORIZING ALASKA PROFESSOR BRENCKLE TO NEGOTIATE ON BE-
HALF OF UNIVERSITY.

2. THOUGH FORMAL PROPOSAL WILL CONCERN ONLY EXCHANGE WITH
IRKUTSK, ALASKA BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BRENCKLE
TO VISIT OTHER PROSPECTIVE SOVIET PARTNER UNIVERSITIES TO
DISCUSS FUTURE EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES.

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3. IN ORDER BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR BRECKLE'S DEPARTURE
FROM USSR, UNIVERSITY ALASKA PLANS SEND PROPOSAL DIRECTLY

TO RECTOR UGOSHIN OF IRKUTSK POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND
SOFINSKY OF MHE, WITH COPIES TO BRECKLE, CU/EE, AND
EMBASSY. WE PLAN REVIEW PROPOSAL CONTENTS WITH DARNELL ON
TELEPHONE BEFORE FINAL VERSION IS SENT TO USSR AND ASSUME
EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS WITH BRECKLE PRIOR TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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